



# NEWSLETTER



## A Message from the Head of Pre-Prep

I hope you and your families continue to be safe and well during these unprecedented times. The government guidance continues to change regularly and I will continue to be in close communication with you as restrictions or guidance changes.

Thank you for all your ongoing support and well done for another successful week of learning. We continue to be amazed with the children's engagement, enthusiasm and hard work, they are all brilliant! Please keep sending me your jokes and pictures, so they can be shared in Monday's assembly to help make others smile and laugh!

Keep smiling, stay safe and look after each other.  
- Mr Jory



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to this week's Pre-Prep Stars of the Week, who will receive a certificate from Mr Jory.

Pre-School  
**Margot R**  
**Nathanael P**

Reception  
**All of Reception class**  
**for amazing Zog work**

Year 1  
**Isla P**  
**Beatrix M**  
**Theo M**

Year 2  
**Teddy G**  
**William P**  
**Willow S**  
**Matilda R-C**

## YEAR 1 SUPER SCIENTISTS

Year 1 have been looking at different materials. This week, the children were finding out about freezing and melting. They melted chocolate and made different chocolate shapes, before it went back into a solid. The children had great fun making ice sculptures, collecting items from their garden to put in a bowl of water. They put the bowls in the freezer, then hung them up outside to watch them melt. Super science, Year 1!



# STUPENDOUS SPACECRAFT

As part of their 'Pushes and Pulls' project, Year 2 have been learning about gravity and astronauts. The children listened to interviews by Helen Sharman and Tim Peake, and used PurpleMash to imagine what life is like in space. They even made paper rockets and investigated if adding fins made the rocket fly further. Each morning, the children have had a 'Morning Nature Challenge'. Last week, they had to guess who the footprint belonged to and the week before, the children had to listen to a bird's song and guess which bird they thought it might belong to. **Teddy** and **Aurelia** have been particularly good at these challenges, as they've been researching their answers before submitting their guesses.



## RECEPTION

# AMAZING ARTWORK

Last week we challenged the children to do some drawing. This was on top of their organised daily Showbie lessons. Some of the children had a go and we are so proud of what they have produced.



## FOREST SCHOOL FUN

Pre-School had another fun time at Forest School. This time, they created spiky hedgehogs by collecting little sticks (they had to snap them if they were too big) and moulding clay into a ball shape. They stuck their sticks in the clay and added eyes and a nose. Voila, spiky hedgehogs! This fun activity was inspired from the story *One Winter's Day*, where the children also learnt about animals that hibernate. The children also enjoyed a warming cup of hot chocolate and looked at the early signs of spring, with snowdrops and daffodils starting to make an appearance. Everyone also went for a frosty walk and enjoyed listening to the crunching sound of the icy grass.



### PRE-SCHOOL FROGS

## GREAT GRUFFALO

The Frogs made some fantastic Gruffalo puppets which focused on cutting skills, shapes and the sound 'G'! There are purple prickles on the back too!

